

Allan Rock
President
University of Ottawa

Mr. Rock,

With this letter, we express our refusal to apply Notices of No Trespassing issued by the University of Ottawa on offices and other campus spaces that we rent. We will not accept that the conflicts that pit the University of Ottawa's central administration against our members or any other persons be taken onto the spaces that our associations occupy.

In accordance with the founding fundamental principles of our respective organizations, it is our obligation to uphold our firm commitment to providing our members with access to our premises. It goes without saying that restrictions could eventually be established. However, the practical details regarding access to SFUO, GSAED, and CUPE Local 2626 premises will be established autonomously for their respective spaces, following their own policies and practices. This falls within our rights as occupants, which we ask you to strictly respect. In this regard, please refer to Article 1 of the *Ontario Trespass to Property Act*, which defines an *occupant* as: "a person who has responsibility for and control over the condition of premises or the activities there carried on, or control over persons allowed to enter the premises". Furthermore, we insist that the University must respect right of passage on the premises occupied by it when anyone authorized by one of our associations comes to one of the premises that we occupy. Please note that we have obtained a lawyer's legal opinion that confirms our position.

Rest assured that, as we have done in the past, we will continue to apply the policies and best practices that are needed to ensure the respect, security, and well-being of our employees and our members, as well as any other person with reason to be present on the premises that we rent.

We trust that we can count on your usual collaboration.

Sincerely,

Seamus Wolfe
President, Student Federation of the University of Ottawa

Gaétan-Philippe Beaulière
External Commissioner, Graduate Student Association

Sean Kelly
President, CUPE Local 2626, the union of students employed at the University of Ottawa